

REMARKS

In the Office action mailed June 1, 2004, claims 53-59, 61 are objected to because of the informalities of claim 53 “wherein the step of positioning positions a portion” appears to have incorrect grammar (emphasis in original); and claims 37-40 and 43-45 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Emesh et al. (U.S. 2002/0108861 A1). Claims 41 and 42 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 32-36, 46-52, and 60 are allowed. Claims 53-59, and 61 are objected to because of the informalities.

Responsive to the Office action, claim 53 is amended to correct the informalities. Claim 41 is rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim. Claim 42 depends from claim 41 and includes all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 37-40 and 43-45 are canceled without prejudice.

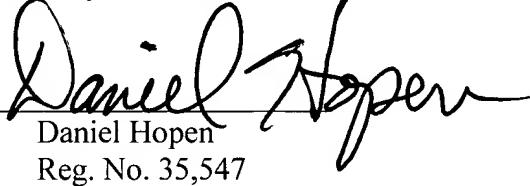
Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to claims 41-42, 53-59, and 60 be withdrawn and the application be allowed with claims 32-36, 41-42, and 46-61.

Conclusion

Applicants have addressed the concerns of the Examiner. Claims 41 and 53 are amended. Claims 37-40 and 43-45 are canceled without prejudice. For these reasons, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraws the rejections to the claims and allows the application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the claims 32-36, 41-42, and 46-61 be allowed.

If any matters can be resolved by telephone, applicants request that the Patent and Trademark Office calls the applicant at the telephone number listed below.

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